H.M.T. watches is not undertaken by the company itself particularly in Delhi and Haryana and this work has been entrusted by the company to the private authorised dealers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide after sale Service by the company itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). HMT undertakes repairs of those watches which are within the guarantee period and sold directly by them. The authorised service agents undertake repairs of those watches which are within the guarantee period and directly sold by them. However, in exceptional cases if authorised service agents are unable to repair them or if customer insists, HMT accepts such repair work. In Delhi and Haryana facilities are provided through HMT's authorised service outlets.

(c) There is a proposal to increase the No. of authorised agents keeping in view the increased HMT watches in the market.

**Production of HMT Watches**

5644. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:
SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(A) whether HMT watches are considered to be of the best quality in the World;

(b) if so, whether the production of the said watches is insufficient compared to the demand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of HMT production units alongwith their locations with the daily production capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The performance of HMT watches compares favourably with similar watches produced in foreign countries. Till date HMT has sold over 65 million watches and has been able to meet the demand for their watches.

(d) The details of 5 watch factories of HMT are as follows:-

| *Location* | *Capacity per day* | *Qty. in lakhs Production in 1990-91* |
|---|---|---|
| Watch factory I & II Bangalore, Karnataka | 5,000 | 15 |
| Watch factory III Srinagar, Kashmir | 666 | 2 |
| Watch factory IV Tumkur, Karnataka | 10,667 | 32 |
| Watch factory V Ranibagh, U.P. | 4,667 | 14 |
| Total | 21,000 | 63 |